

Hike in fare on Calicut-Gulf Air routes by AI

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has increased fare on the Calicut-Gulf air routes;

(b) if so, what are the increased rates in flight charges on different routes; and

(c) whether Government have any plan to reduce the increased fare?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) Effective 1st January 2001, all fares from India to world wide destinations, including Calicut to the Gulf, were increased by around 10% due to rise in fuel cost. Since this increase was agreed to at the International Air Transport Association (IATA) coordinating conference and implemented by all carriers, Air India alone cannot roll it back unless agreed to by all the concerned carriers at the next IATA conference.

Operation of AIR services by foreign airlines from Thiruvananthapuram and Nedumpassery

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had given sanction to foreign airlines companies to operate air services from Thiruvananthapuram and Nedumpassery Airports;

(b) if so, the details of the companies which were given sanction; and

(c) the routes on which they will operate air services?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) Kuwait Airways, Gulf Air, Oman Air & Qatar